GAWLER EAST PRESCHOOL
PRIORIT OF ACCESS POLICY

PLEASE NOTE: This policy will remain in effective for enrolments eligible to start up until April 29 2013. A new policy will then come into effect taking into consideration Same First Day rules.

Note: Enrolment at Gawler East Preschool does not guarantee access to any primary school.

Gawler East Preschool operates a Priority of Access in times of high enrolments to support equitable access to a preschool service. When limited vacancies exist priority is given to children in the following order:

PRIORITY ONE

1. a. Children who live in the following areas: Gawler East, Kalbeeba, Cockatoo Valley, Sandy Creek, Concordia, Gawler, Rosedale and Parts of Gawler Belt and Willaston.
   b. Children for whom this is the closest preschool.
   c. Children who use either the Gawler Community Child Care Centre or an approved Family Day Care provider living in the Priority of Access Area.

Therefore, priority for a vacancy will go to an eligible* child, who is living in the area described above, or is using FDC in the Priority Areas, or attends Gawler Community CCC.

*an eligible child is a four year old child one year prior to school start or an Aboriginal or GoM child in their eligible year(s)

Waiting List Priority:
Priority one will always have first entry into the preschool. If you do not meet Priority one criteria and still wish to attend this centre you will be placed on a waiting list for vacancies using the following criteria in the order listed below. Enrolments will be placed on this list according to when they enrol – however a child who meets higher criteria will have access to the preschool before a child in a lower priority – even if they enrol later.

PRIORITY TWO

2. a. Siblings attend the closest School (Gawler East Primary School)

PRIORITY THREE

3. a. No vacancies at your Priority of Access preschool
   b. Any other reason

NOTE:
DECD enrolment policy states children will receive a MAXIMUM of 4 sessions for a MAXIMUM of one year (with some exceptions). During peak periods children may be offered fewer sessions. Eligible Priority one (P1) children will receive their full sessions as soon as vacancies allow. During extremely busy periods 2 waiting lists may exist - a primary list, of those who meet P1, and a secondary list, of those who do not. Children on the second list will only be offered positions if and when there are vacancies after all P1 children have their full entitlement.

Early Entry and Extended time may only be approved once all P1 children are placed.

Pre-entry sessions and Playgroups are not funded by DECD and are only available where preschool resources permit. Pre-entry will only be offered to those children meeting Priority One criteria one term prior to their eligible preschool attendance when vacancies and building capacity allows. Playgroups will only run when available time and capacity allows.

*This policy was formulated using DECD Preschool Enrolment Policy and Guidelines and has been prepared to support Gawler/Barossa preschools to maintain National Quality Standards.

Please direct any queries initially to the Director of your chosen preschool